

645—131.8(152C) License renewal.

131.8(1) The biennial license renewal period for a license to practice massage therapy shall begin on the sixteenth day of the anniversary month and end on the fifteenth day of the anniversary month two years later. The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive notice from the board does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license.

131.8(2) An individual who was issued a license within six months of the license renewal date will not be required to renew the license until the subsequent renewal date two years later. Those persons licensed for the first time shall not be required to complete continuing education as a prerequisite for the first renewal of their licenses.

131.8(3) A licensee seeking renewal shall:

a. Meet the continuing education requirements of rule 645—133.2(152C) and the mandatory reporting requirements of subrule 131.8(4). A licensee whose license was reactivated during the current renewal compliance period may use continuing education credit earned during the compliance period for the first renewal following reactivation; and

b. Submit the completed renewal application and renewal fee before the license expiration date.

131.8(4) Mandatory reporter training requirements.

a. A licensee shall indicate on the renewal application completion of training in child abuse identification and reporting, as required by Iowa Code section 232.69(3) “*b*,” in the previous three years if:

(1) In the scope of professional practice or in the licensee’s professional employment responsibilities, the licensee examines, attends, counsels, or treats a child; and

(2) The licensee is employed in any of the following settings:

1. A residential care facility;
2. A nursing facility;
3. An intermediate care facility for persons with mental illness;
4. An intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual disability;
5. A school;
6. A child care center, registered child development home, or head start program;
7. A substance abuse program or facility licensed by the Iowa department of public health;
8. The Glenwood state resource center, Woodward state resource center, mental health institute in Cherokee, mental health institute in Independence, state training school, or Iowa juvenile home;
9. A juvenile detention center or juvenile shelter care facility;
10. A foster care facility; or
11. A mental health center.

b. A licensee shall indicate on the renewal application completion of training in dependent adult abuse identification and reporting, as required by Iowa Code section 235B.16(5) “*b*,” in the previous three years if:

(1) In the course of employment, the licensee examines, attends, counsels, or treats a dependent adult; and

(2) The licensee is employed in any of the following settings:

1. A residential care facility;
2. A nursing facility;
3. An intermediate care facility for persons with mental illness;
4. An intermediate care facility for persons with an intellectual disability;
5. A hospital;
6. An elder group home, as defined in Iowa Code section 231B.1(3);
7. An assisted living program certified under Iowa Code section 231C.3;
8. An adult day services program, as defined in Iowa Code section 231D.1(1);
9. A community mental health center; or
10. A supported community living service, sheltered workshop, or work activity center.

c. The course(s) shall be the curriculum provided by the Iowa department of human services.

d. The licensee shall maintain written documentation for three years after mandatory training as identified in paragraphs 131.8(4) “a” to “c,” including program date(s), content, duration, and proof of participation.

e. The requirement for mandatory training for identifying and reporting child and dependent adult abuse shall be suspended if the board determines that suspension is in the public interest or that a person at the time of license renewal:

- (1) Is engaged in active duty in the military service of this state or the United States; or
- (2) Holds a current waiver by the board based on evidence of significant hardship in complying with training requirements, including an exemption of continuing education requirements or extension of time in which to fulfill requirements due to a physical or mental disability or illness as identified in rule 645—4.14(272C).

f. The board may select licensees for audit of compliance with the requirements in paragraphs 131.8(4) “a” to “e.”

131.8(5) Upon receiving the information required by this rule and the required fee, board staff shall administratively issue a two-year license and shall send the licensee a wallet card by regular mail. In the event the board receives adverse information on the renewal application, the board shall issue the renewal license but may refer the adverse information for further consideration or disciplinary investigation.

131.8(6) A person licensed to practice as a massage therapist shall keep the license certificate displayed in a conspicuous public place at the primary site of practice.

131.8(7) Late renewal. The license shall become late when the license has not been renewed by the expiration date on the wallet card. The licensee shall be assessed a late fee as specified in 645—subrule 5.8(4). To renew a late license, the licensee shall complete the renewal requirements and submit the late fee within the grace period.

131.8(8) Inactive license. A licensee who fails to renew the license by the end of the grace period has an inactive license. A licensee whose license is inactive continues to hold the privilege of licensure in Iowa, but may not practice as a massage therapist in Iowa until the license is reactivated. A licensee who practices as a massage therapist in the state of Iowa with an inactive license may be subject to disciplinary action by the board, injunctive action pursuant to Iowa Code section 147.83, criminal sanctions pursuant to Iowa Code section 147.86, and other available legal remedies.

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